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4 June 1971

Kenneth G. Wickham  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General  
Department of the Army  
Washington, D. C. 20315

Dear General Wickham:


The attached documents received with your request  
AGAR-S (9543) dated 4 February 1971 have been reviewed by  
interested offices here.

This Agency concurs in the declassification of the  
information contained in these documents for release to  
Professor Vojtech Mastny for use in his related study on  
the Soviet War Aims in Central Europe.

Sincerely,

  
CIA Records Administration Officer

Attachments:  
15 pages of notes

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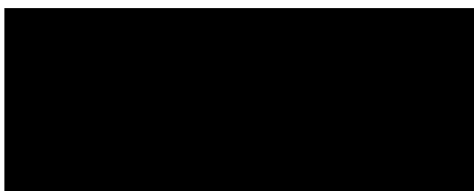
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27 May 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Records Administration Officer  
SUBJECT : Review and Declassification of Documents  
REFERENCE : AGAR-S Memo (9543); 15 pages of notes

The attached notes have been reviewed by elements of the DDP, and they concur in the release of the material to Professor Mastny.

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Executive Secretary  
Strategic Services Unit

Attachment

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Comments from CA Staff:

The review was made by [REDACTED] Chief, CA/ [REDACTED] with the following comments: "I really can see no real problems politically and have strong doubts that ultimate sources could be researched and exposed on the basis of what is in these notes."

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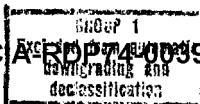
[REDACTED] CA/RMO, also reviewed the documents and is inclined to agree with CI Staff re the two documents with described source information. Regardless of how scant the possibility of them being exposed, we are obligated to protect sources without any reference to a given period of time when this protection will no longer apply. I do not feel we should take the risk of releasing even this description of sources. What is the purpose of his needing source description information? All we need is to have it published that we freely gave source description information, regardless of how vague the details, and business would rapidly decline. If I were your source, you wouldn't hear from me again. Twenty-seven years does not satisfy me as a reasonable period of time to release source descriptions or any time period. Just the fact that we might do it would create doubt as to the sincerity of our protection guarantee.

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[REDACTED]  
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Covert Action Staff

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Jack,

This paper should be judged by experts in SB. There are Soviet angles here that they should weigh. There is also considerable material of interest to the [redacted] and they ought to weigh their equities.

There are two items (see clips) which could possibly reveal identities of sources who might be made to suffer today if they are still alive. I'd say we should not go along with release here.

Finally, the entire paper has serious political considerations which should also be judged by our CA Staff as well as the Dep't of State and I suggest that the paper be sent there as well.

Inter alia, Jack, it may not be a bad idea, if in the future, we could have the results (i.e. card reproductions) of an RID check on persons who appear in these type of requests. In this


P.S. What are the possibilities of getting the manuscripts in final form for approval? Often it is not only difficult, but also unfair, to try to make judgements out of context.

26 February 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Strategic Services Unit

SUBJECT : Review and Declassification of OSS Documents

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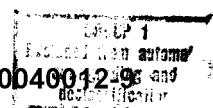
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

AGAR-S (9543)

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Records Administration Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

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[REDACTED]  
Professor Vojtech Mastny, an Unofficial researcher granted access to classified Army records, has taken a number of notes relating to his study on the Soviet War Aims in Central Europe. Among these are 15 pages of notes taken from OSS-originated documents found in Army files. Copies of these pages are inclosed. Page number 32 is also being coordinated with the Department of the Navy.

This Department has no objection to the declassification of these notes. Subject to your concurrence, we propose to declassify the inclosed pages and release them to Professor Mastny.

Your comments are requested.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth G. Wickham*

Inclosures

KENNETH G. WICKHAM  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

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Notes taken from the records of RG 165 G-2

Type of Document:

File No. and Symbol: Cz 3700

Date: May 5, 1943

From: Memo by Foreign Nationalities Branch CE

Subject: Political Implications of Benes's Forthcoming US Visit

Main issues: Benes's pro-Russian orientation

his reserve toward plans for E Eur. federations

If US reception cool he will look for support among liberal and left-wing  
elements among nationalities

If reception friendly, he will have little opportunity to contact these groups

This not opinion of Branch but "what is being said in NY"

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Notes taken from the records of RG 165 C-2  
Type of Document: OSS dissemination Report A-9072  
File No. and Symbol: Cz 3809 Date: Aug. 3, 1943  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Subject: Bones's "Europe Plan"

Plan he produced in Washington

Seeks its approval by Moscow

Based on thesis Prof. Carr developed in his "Conditions of Peace"

Division of Europe into E and W spheres of influence

Polish-Cz. confederation not necessary, not included in plan -- in contrast to

Cz., Poland's frontiers have not been fixed

Foresees confederation with federated Yugoslavia and Romania, Bulg. might be added

This group would enjoy Russian protection

Hungary left open

Poland should give up territ. up to Curzon line and receive E Prussia and Silesia

without Glatz (which would go to Czechosl.)

Pre-Munich boundaries of CSR, i.e. Olsa territ. back to CSR

Baltic states permanent part of USSR

Dissolution of Germany--Austria, Bavaria and Rhineland to compose single state

Since Bavarians and Rhinelanders would not accept Habsburgs, the Habsb. question  
will thus be solved

Plan brought to attention of the British but no Br. comment yet

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Notes taken from the records of RG 165 G-2

Type of Document: OSS dissem. report A-15655-2 a

File No. and Symbol: Cz 3350 Date: Nov. 22, 1933

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Benes tries to repair relations with Poland

12-13th Nov. Benes lengthy conferences with Romer, Stanezyk and Mikolajczyk

In contrad. to previous attitude, he emphasized import'ce of Cz.-Polish confed.

Promised to support idea at Moscow

Poles very distrustful and suspicious

Interpret as B's attempt to liberate himself from dep'ce on Moscow

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Sheet No: 11 Approved For Release 2002/01/09 : CIA-RDP74-00390R000200040012-9 Security Classification:

Notes taken from the records of RG 165 G-2  
Type of Document: Analysis by Foreign Nationalities Branch OSS  
File No. and Symbol: USSR 3000 Date: 5 May 1944  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Subject: Am. Ukrainian Comm. urge Incorporation of Carp. Ukr.

American-Carpatho-Russian Congress - organ of Comm. leadership in Am. Carp. Ukr.  
communitu, publishes Karpatska Rus

Had been preparing congress but in 14 Apr. issue its convocation postponed  
Advocates incorporation of Carp. Ukr. into USS<sup>A</sup>, claims that future of area  
not decided (despite official Soviet and Cz. statements)

Congress postponed to prevent accusation of Soviet "double-faced" policy

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Notes taken from the records of OSS report X RC 165 C-2  
Type of Document: O.S. report  
File No. and Symbol: USSR 3000 Date: 8 Oct 1943  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Subject: Russian expect end of war mid-late fall 1943?

Information from Russian diplomat in Istanbul

Rumors about understanding betw. USSR and G'y so that G'ns would withdraw  
in order unfounded

July-Aug. 1943 Soviet ex govt allegedly let Br. govt know documents about

alleged imminent internal collapse of G'y

Disintegration will come from above, not below

Total collapse of G'n resistance likely in late fall 1943

Russian intend to continue advancing until they occupy all territory up to 1914  
frontiers

Poland to be reconstituted and give certain guarantees to USSR

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